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ALKALINE SOLUTIONS OF
REDUCED INDIGOID DYES)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to fee calculation and examination please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 3-8.

Please add the following new claims

- -9. The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein from 0.003 to 0.08 mol of mediator is used per mole of dye.

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